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SUBJECT: UNSSOD: FIRST MEETING OF THE OPEN-ENDED DRAFTING
GROUP ON THE INTRODUCTION; JUNE 5, 1978

1. WORKING GROUP A (DECLARATION/MACHINERY) ESTABLISHED A DRAFTING GROUP TO BEGIN WORK ON THE INTRODUCTION TO THE DRAFT FINAL DOCUMENT OF THE SSOD. THE DRAFTING GROUP HELD ITS FIRST MEETING MONDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 5 AND AGREED THAT AMB. GARCIA ROBLES (MEXICO) WOULD SERVE AS THE COORDINATOR (I.E., CHAIRMAN) OF THE DRAFTING GROUP.
2. A NUMBER OF DELEGATIONS INTRODUCED SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAFT INTRODUCTION SUBMITTED BY SWEDEN AND MEXICO AT THE END OF PREPCOM V. HOWEVER, FOLLOWING INITIAL PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS BY DELEGATIONS, SOVIET AMB. LIKHACHEV STATED THAT THE USSR DEL WAS NOT PREPARED TO USE THE SWEDISH/MEXICAN DRAFT TEXT AS THE BASIS FOR WORK ON THE INTRODUCTION AND STATED THAT THE USSR WAS CONSULTING WITH A NUMBER OF DELEGATIONS WITH A VIEW TO SUBMITTING COMPETING LANGUAGE FOR THE INTRODUCTION TO THE FINAL DOCUMENT. WHEN ASKED BY THE DRAFTING GROUP COORDINATOR IF THE USSR DEL COULD INDICATE WHEN THEIR NEW

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DRAFT LANGUAGE WOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE DRAFTING GROUP, LIKHACHEV WOULD ONLY REITERATE THAT THE AD HOC COMMITTEE HAD AGREED THAT JUNE 12 WOULD BE THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS AND THAT THE DRAFTING GROUP SHOULD NOT ALTER SUCH A DECISION.

3. IN GENERAL, DEBATE WAS INCONCLUSIVE AND NO SUBSTANTIVE

WORK ON THE INTRODUCTION WAS ACCOMPLISHED DURING THE
DRAFTING GROUP'S FIRST MEETING. YOUNG

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